

# State of South Dakota

## SEVENTY-FIFTH SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2000

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### HOUSE BILL NO. 1258

Introduced by: Representatives Fitzgerald, Garnos, McIntyre, and Patterson and Senators Lange, Lawler, and Reedy

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to require the teaching of foreign language at the middle  
2 school grade level.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That chapter 13-33 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as  
5 follows:

6 Each public and nonpublic middle school serving grades six to eight, inclusive, or serving  
7 grades seven and eight, and each public and nonpublic school system serving grades six to eight,  
8 inclusive, shall offer foreign language instruction for its students as provided in this Act. Each  
9 such school shall provide instruction to students in grade six for at least six weeks in at least one  
10 foreign language and instruction in associated cultural themes. Each such school shall offer at  
11 least nine weeks of instruction in at least one foreign language to students in grade seven as an  
12 elective. Seventh grade students shall select one period of instruction for at least a nine week  
13 period in either foreign language, vocal music, or instrumental music. Each such school shall  
14 offer at least one semester of instruction in at least one foreign language to students in grade  
15 eight as an elective. In order to advance to the high school level, each student shall complete the  
16 course requirements provided in this Act. If the student has transferred into the school from

1 outside this state, these requirements are waived for any grade level completed before the  
2 transfer occurred. The requirements of this Act for each specified grade level do not apply to any  
3 course work completed by a student at the specified grade level before the effective date of this  
4 Act.